

Dear David

New York April 5th 1846

I am becoming so coldly businesslike at the very heart's core that the very terms of enduring friendship cease to be at my command; but if a steady remembrance of you as I remember no other, be proof of affection, you might have it, by looking into my heart at almost any time. Every day for a week past have I longed for an hour that I could call my own and devote to you; but every day has brought so much new matter to be worked up, that I am now forced to write in a very whirlwind of children's play, for fear another opportunity should not present before the Xylom suits. Now I can fancy your delight at receiving letters from home! But after you have spent those few minutes & then some Mr. and Henry, you begin to flay when mine comes last & least. Still I will write and fill the sheet if possible, that the "luxury of the letter bag" may be as protracted for you as possible. May you be reading this in an air as balmy, by a sunlight as soft & bright as that of this charming day, and feel the joy of health flowing through all your veins. My brother, more than brother - I greet you across the earth & sea. God bless you, cheer you, guide you, guard you, from morning to night, from every harm. From letters rec^d at Colchester and by Mr. W. dated off Cape Horn, I learned that you had suffered, as I feared you would. Nothing can shock the constitution more thoroughly than a protracted voyage; I shall rejoice beyond measure to read from your own pen before the summer is through, that stepping upon Terra Firma has recruited you. Is it not horrible to be forever rolled & driven by forces from without? To long for rest and feel it an impossible acquisition? The very thought of it renews the hours I once felt at it. I wish nevertheless that I could have halved the amount you were subjected to. But it's like death and some other things; however many are about it, in the same condition, the whole bitterness remains our own. My dear David, it may seem like the whining of an overgrown schoolboy, but this life seems a flat & tasteless dish to my palate, - a mere voyage by salt water around some dozen or two Cape Horns; or, and, pitch, pitch, or an everlasting outstretching waste, towards a flying horizon, through some alternations of hot & cold, calm & storm, with the great bell glass of the heavens per-
- down on us, as if we were household hothouse plants. Is it not possible to make a change in this monotonous without violating duty? or must it last for all eternity? or finally is it a part of our probationary world sorrow, the absence of which will make heaven? Is it a disease that affects us, when we first realized in ourselves what the Latins say two thousand years ago - One may change climes and countries, but must carry the same self along everywhere?

Thursday 9th Mr. Cook's third wife, a daughter of Gen. Ellsworth of Conn. has just been sentenced to the south by her physicians, as one of the lungs is affected. A Memesiot seems to pursue our brother's steps in the family life. He married her in the confident expectation that she at least was healthy, if any woman was. Six months ago

rode on the very top swell of the tide, but now he seems overwhelmed with gloom. Changes that seem to require a lustrum to effect — how quick they can be brought about by a touch from God's hand, in a year, or a month! They leave tomorrow for Washington and Richmond. He will probably be back to the Anniversary in May but rejoice here again. Bro Warner, who assisted him, has failed in health & gone home. I had just seen Peter at Fort Plain (who has made me again an owner of a fine girl, and enjoys rather better health) and was passing through Dr. H. L. L. towards; so I dropped into his place and now Bro Cook's departure will give me to play secretary. The final Report for the year is to be brought into shape, Correspondence with all our fields maintained, and letters quarterly written, embodying their reports, to 300 patrons, associations &c who support them. You will ask no other excuse for the meagre appearance of this. My heart is yours if my pen is not, and I think of you if I cannot write to you. There is no one here, with whom my heart has flowed together, man or woman, since you left. And I look forward with some degree of dread in anticipation of a time when heart shall not so much still feeling itself as prohibit that expression of it, which is necessary to keep it in order. I remember, with gratitude to God, that corn & flower seeds have been taken from the sarcophagi of Theban tombs, and borne and bloomed in three months from their planting anew in genial soil. Neither age, nor trouble, nor occupation, nor want of opportunity, nor anything but vice, can still love or make the heart impotent.

Matters remain in Church & State about as when the last letter to you was written. Solomon Allen, the great Christian banker of Philad^a. & leader of all benevolent institutions is dead. News from England continues pacific. Danl. Webster has announced his taking an early opportunity to explain the Ashburton treaty & its formation. All are on tiptoe. — The great Convention for Attaining Unity among Dissenters has been postponed until August. Dr. Schumaker of Gettysburg & two German ministers from Baltimore, have already sailed to Germany, intending to be there some time & be present. Dr. Mason of N. Y. and some others are going also. Not much is said about it however. Much discussion has arisen on subject in England as "the Church" has decidedly backed out. Germany seems quiet, Rome inactive. News from Constantinople up to 7 Feb. say 1. The Chief Armenian ^{Evangelical} priest and "all his feet" have been excommunicated & cursed by a patriarch in a great church. 2. The same in a circular so to be transmitted thro' out a empire & to include all the firms. 3. The firms have been driven from all the Guilds or trades unions. of silversmiths, jewelers &c — and deprived of all they possessed & any of it getting employment.

4. They bear all this heroically, steadfast; not one has signed the declaration presented to them one by one as they were called before parliament. 5. They appeal to parliament; also prepare a memorial for equal rights and national recognition to the Divan of the Sultan; and a long "Apology" neg. & pos. to be prepared distributed to remove prejudice & excite sympathy. They now officially styled Protestants by the parliament & are fully & solemnly recognized, they occupied a much improved position and met a third Free Church. Great monuments took place the Director of Protestant in Egypt Ch. of Syria, the Patriarch of Aleppo has professed himself a Protestant and preaches in his own house. —

I am again interrupted and cannot conclude the sheet. The Lord to visit you, comfort, strengthen you, is the prayer of yours
Peter.

Another party has passed, and another arrived from England, a little more warlike but all will depend upon our movements, and they will undoubtedly be pacific. Dr. Webster in his last said it was his private opinion that the whole nation was gradually settling down upon the 49° as the proper line for Reform. News from India announced a battle between 30,000 Eng. & 80,000 Sikh troops, in which the latter were repulsed. The English found their camp three days after, after 26 hours hard fighting. News now arrives saying that the victories were negative rather than positive, that the Sikhs have again crossed the Sutledj to the east bank and encamped & repulsed the English who were in 42,800 strong, of whom 7000 were Europeans. The Sikhs were formerly a wild, weak religious sect, but persecution has converted them into a nation of hardy, daring, fearless warriors. Their park of artillery was more numerous and far superior in make to either Napoleon's or Wellington's at Waterloo and engineered by Frenchmen. Again adieu. p.

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Ship Dylom sails April 10.

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